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PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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JIRO SHIRAKATA ET AL.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No.: 10/572,544	)	
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Filed: March 17, 2006	)	
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For: HEATING APPARATUS	)	April 20, 2006

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Japanese document is also enclosed.

JP '960 was cited in an International Search Report in PCT/JP2004/019690 and may be relevant for the reasons noted therein.

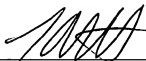
It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /PL/

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the present application and prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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